

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims are 11-16 and 18-21. Claims 13 and 14 are currently amended. Claims 1-10 and 17 are cancelled.

Claim Rejections

The Examiner objects to claims 13 and 14 as referring to independent claim 11 more than once. Claims 13 and 14 are currently amended to address the Examiner's objection.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Billmers et al. (U.S. 2002/0015854) in view of Hendricks (U.S. 5,538,668).

Claim 17 is cancelled by this amendment thus rendering this rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicates on page 4 of the Office Action that claims 11-16 and 18-21 are allowed. Applicants respectfully submit that all of the outstanding issues in this application have been addressed and this application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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